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Washinawatok takes top vote in Primary Elections

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This year's Primary Elections were held on November 9th and 10th, 2005. Of a field of 18 candidates for Menominee Tribal Legislature, the top six vote getters will advance to the final elections in January 2006.

Regina Washinawatok, a teacher for the Menominee Indian School District, came out on top with 650 votes in the race for three open seats on the Menominee Tribal Legislature. Former Menominee Tribal Chairman, Joan Delabreau garnered 574 votes to receive the second highest vote. The three Legislative incumbents followed; current Tribal Chairman, Michael Chapman-571, Laurie 'Molie' Reiter-508, and Laurie Boivin-503. Gene Caldwell earned the sixth place position with 478 votes to his credit.

Only nine votes separated Gene Caldwell and Rebecca Alegria-469. A recount conducted on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at the request of Alegria proved to be ineffective. Mr. Caldwell gained one additional vote for a total of 479. Alegria actually lost three votes for a total of 466.

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Veterans Day Celebration 2005



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The color guard of the Veterans of the Menominee Nation hold the flags with pride and honor while the crowd said the Pledge of Allegiance during the Veteran's Day Ceremony.

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Veterans of the Menominee Nation celebrated Veterans Day on Friday, November 11, 2005. The celebration took place in front of the Menominee Law Enforcement Center at 11a.m.

Commander, Warren Wilber Sr. started out the ceremony by asking one of our Menominee elders to say

a prayer. Mr. Earl Wescott Sr. was honored to say a prayer. Earl Wescott Sr. is also a Menominee Veteran.

Following the prayer, the Menominee High School Band played the National Anthem.

Menominee Veterans Earl Wescott Sr. and Louie Kakwitch did the raising of the American flag.

Everyone joined in and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time the Former Menominee Tribal Chairman, Apesanahkwat was honored to say a few words to the 100 plus people that attend the Menominee Veterans ceremony. Apesanahkwat mentioned that every opportunity he has he prays for our troops.

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Flag Ceremony held at L.E.C.



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Chief of Police, Mark Waukau proudly holds the Menominee Reservation Tribal Police flag. The flag was designed by officer Richard Irving.

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However the margin was still very close after the recount. (Please see related article below for comments.)

The three legislative candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the final election will be sworn into office on February 9, 2006. Each will serve a term of three years.

The final tallies of the votes were certified by the Menominee Tribal Election Commission as follows:

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| Regina Washinawatok | 650 |
| Joan Delabreau | 574 |
| Michael Chapman | 571 |
| Laurie Reiter | 508 |
| Laurie Boivin | 503 |
| Eugene Caldwell (after recount) | 479 |
| Rebecca Alegria (after recount) | 466 |
| Margaret Snow | 321 |
| Myron Pyawasit | 287 |
| Judith Duquain | 281 |
| Apesanahkwat | 277 |
| Burnell Reiter | 254 |
| Mary Sullivan Menore | 244 |
| Betty Jo Wozniak | 231 |
| Gerhardt Wychesit | 216 |
| Bruce Wilber, Sr. | 199 |
| John A. Kaquatosh | 163 |
| Bruce Wilber, Jr. | 161 |

Also held was the election of the Chief of Police. A total of five candidates were vying for this position, however the two receiving the highest numbers of votes will advance to the final election. Incumbent, Mark Waukau, Sr. was the top vote getter in this race with 682 votes.

The second highest vote getter was Robert 'Scob' Webster with 522 votes, followed by Randal Chevalier-370, Nathalyn Tucker-248, and Thomas Tousey-199. Waukau and Webster will face off in the final election for a three year term to the top law enforcement position. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes during the final election will be sworn into office on February 9, 2006 and will serve as Chief of Police until February 9, 2009.

All candidates who did not succeed in the primary election may run as write-ins during the final elections. However, according to statistics, not one candidate has ever won using this approach. It was unknown at time of print whether anyone was intending to run as a write-in. 24.33% of the tribal membership who were eligible to vote exercised their right to do so. Of the 6,318 eligible voters, only 1,537 tribal members voted during the primary elections. 246 people cast their vote at the Neopit Fire Station on November 9, 2005 and 682 ballots were cast at the Gordon Dickie Building in Keshena on November 10, 2005. 849 absentee ballots were requested, however, only 609 were returned.

The next chance to cast your vote will be during the final elections. Voting will take place at the Neopit Fire Station on January 18, 2006 and at the Gordon Dickie Building in Keshena on January 19, 2006. Polls will be open from 10:00 am through 8:00 pm both days. Tallying of the votes will take place immediately after the polls close.

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He also expressed to everyone that if you see a Veteran shake their hand, give them a hug and thank them for fighting for your country. Apesanahkwat served in the Marine Corps during Vietnam.

Menominee Veteran, Louie Kakwitch honored fallen Veterans by announcing each name of those who passed on from November 2004 to November 2005.

Deceased Veterans for 2004 were: Ray Powless-US Air Force, Alfred Kaquatosh-US Army, Monroe Weso-US Army, Donald Tourtillott-US Army, Robert Wilber, Jr.- US Air Force, John Tobias-US Army, William Rueth-US Army, John C. Kelley-US Army, John Kitson-US Air Force, Lloyd Waukau-US Army and Louis S. Webster-US Army. Deceased Veterans for 2005 were: Martin Pamonicutt-US Navy, Alfred McPherson-US Army, Milton Madosh-U.S.M.C., Leon White-US Army, Edward Long-US Army, Myron Tucker-US Navy, Rodney Waupoose-US Army, Dennison James-US Army and Vincent Fish Jr.-US Air Force.

Saluting was performed by the firing squad while Menominee High school student Cheequas Pyawasit played the taps.

A group of students from Keshena Primary schools drumming and singing class sang a veterans honor song.

Ending the Menominee Veterans 2005 Ceremony, Mr. Earl Wescott Sr. indicated to everyone be safe and pray for our people serving in the military.

In closing Menominee Veteran Commander, Warren Wilber Sr. thanked everyone for attending this special 2005 Veterans Day celebration.